environementally non- degrading, and socially acceptable improvement of country's natural resources to attain a demand driven and balanced growth of agriculture.

(c) The Policy is in the final stage of drafting.

Development of Animal Husbandry and dairy industry in Assam

2310. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a scheme for the development of animal husbandry and dairy industry in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of fund allocated for the same during the Ninth plan; and

(d) the effective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) The Government has been implementing various Centrally Sponsored Schemes/Central Sector Schemes in all States including Assam for development of animal husbandry and dairy industry. However, no specific proposal exclusively for Assam is under consideration of the Government.

Development of Model Fishermen Village

2311. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the scheme, "National Welfare of Fisheries-Development of Model Fishermen village", the budgeted amount for implementation of the Scheme in the States, the amount released to various States during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government of Karnataka has requested the Government for releasing the Central share component under the above jointly sponsored scheme; and

(c) if so, the reason for delay in releasing the amount and the likely date by when the amount will be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUMUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Development of Model